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Leslie Heppler - Re: Fwd: Fw: UTU77778 BOND release needed.

From: Leslie Heppler
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Date: 7/27/2009 4:04 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Fw: UTU77778 BOND release needed.

Larry -

Thanks for the update. DOGM accepts the BLM's assessment and concurs with the bond release for the small mine, it is my understanding that there is a \$170,000 bond for the large mine at the same site. thx-lah

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>>> <Larry_Garahana@blm.gov> 7/27/2009 10:53 AM >>>

Leslie - Holcim has not mentioned to us that they are closing their large mine operation (Plan 77815 (M/045/060)) near Terra, I just heard it through the grape vine. Opie was going through her files and found an earlier bond from their small mine operation (notice 77778) that was closed when we (BLM & DOGM) converted it to the large mine back in 04-05 when they went over the 5 acre limit. Doug Jensen on your side and myself on this side were working to get them approved with that large mine (Plan). The bond is so large for the disturbance out there because they gave Doug the numbers on dirt work for the entire mine life, not for the 3-5 acres at a time they planned on disturbing.

So, due to the fact that we (DOGM, BLM) have a large bond for a very small disturbance under their large mine, we would like concurrence from your shop that we can release the \$6,000.00 bond that was originally held for the small mine (notice) operation and I was informed that for this case only due to the circumstances Opie will take an email as concurrence unless you want to send her a letter.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks

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Larry -

Please find attached a copy of my 2008 inspection, my concerns are listed below:

1. The grading of the main site is great. (photo)
 2. There was a few extra piles around the edges that were not part of a berm. (photo)
 3. The main berm is not substantial enough to keep people out. I am not sure how much access is needed to the area, but the main road dead ends north of the mine. There is multiple entrances for truck traffic at the site. It would be great to reclaim the roads that are not needed.
 4. When I was there last year, there was nothing but weeds, dominantly Halogeton. I would like to see a better vegetative effort in the fall. Usually we hold back \$1,000 mob fee for a re-seeder (such as a 4 wheeler) and \$1,000 per acre for reseeding.
 5. According to our records the bond is large \$170,900 (Is this correct?) - Lets discuss amount of road work needed.
 6. I have yet to see any paper work in our office on the permit site closure, they need to submit the proper paper work to OGM, (they will still need to pay the Annual permit fee for this year).
- Give me a call if you have any questions. thx-lah

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Paul - That is correct... they went from a notice to a plan in BLM language and from small to large in yours.

Steve Allen in our office recently completed a surface compliance inspection out there and found that the earthwork has been completed and that there is a pile of trash from the public out there now. I'm not sure if your office has heard anything, but we've heard rumors that they want to close this operation for good.

If you have any information or questions feel free to call. Thanks.

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Larry: Please reply to Paul's email.

Thanks.

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I assume these are both for the Skull Valley Diatomaceous Earth. Is that right? The \$6000 bond is for the small mine that has been superseded by the large mine?

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There is a bond for Holcim plan UTU77778, which a closed case. The bond is a \$6000 surety bond held by BLM-USO.

There is a note in remarks to hold the bond until there is a bond posted for UTU77815. This plan has a \$170900 surety bond posted with UDOGM (M/045/060)

I need a letter from your office and UDOGM to release the bond.

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